IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING INTERIM RULE 214

OF THE FAMILY COURT RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

This ______day of _______, 2007, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Interim Rule 214 of the Family Court Rules of Civil Procedure shall read:

Rule 214. Dispositional Hearing. (70 days*).

- (a) A dispositional hearing shall be scheduled within 30 days of the adjudicatory hearing unless the adjudicatory hearing has been waived by respondent. In that event, the dispositional hearing shall be held within 30 days of the entry of the preliminary protective order.
- (b) A dispositional hearing may be conducted immediately following an adjudicatory hearing with the consent of all parties. If a dispositional hearing is conducted and a dispositional order is entered immediately following an adjudication of custody to the Department of Services for Children Youth and their Families, a separate dispositional hearing shall not be required.
- (c) A case plan setting forth the services to be provided to the respondent(s) and the child by the Department of Services for Children Youth and their Families shall be presented at this hearing. The Court shall determine if the services provided in the case plan constitute reasonable efforts toward reunification of the child and respondent(s), if that is the Department's plan for permanency for the child. The Court may determine that the Department is not required to provide reasonable efforts for reunification if the facts of the case so warrant.
- (d) At or before the conclusion of this hearing the Court shall establish a date for review of the case plan, if said review is warranted.
- 2. This amendment shall be effective 30 days after notice to members of the Bar.

BY THE COURT:

Chandlee Johnson Kuhn

Chief Judge

| Judge Jay H. Conner | Renneth M. Millman Judge Kenneth M. Millman |
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| Judge William N. Nicholas | Judge William J. Walls, Jr. |
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